

TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT AFFIRMATION AND NAVAL VESSEL TRANSFER ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 7, 2014*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) which has governed our relationship with Taiwan since its enactment.

The TRA was signed into law April 10, 1979, by President Carter in order to maintain economic, cultural, and security ties with Taiwan in the absence of an official diplomatic relationship. The TRA has been vital in strengthening this mutually-beneficial partnership over the last 35 years. The U.S. enjoys no closer friend than Taiwan. Our friendship is built on a firm foundation of shared values—democracy and freedom, free and fair elections, a free press, and a free economy.

Taiwan has created a vibrant economy and is a significant trading partner to the United States. It is also a major innovator and producer of IT products—many of which are assembled in China. Taiwan already plays a critical role in the global supply chain and has proven they would be an asset to the Trans-Pacific Partnership if included.

Taiwan has used thoughtful dialogue and trade to help ease cross strait tensions, ensuring peace in the Western Pacific and resulting in greater security for the United States. I invite my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 35th anniversary of the TRA and in expressing our commitment to our relationship with Taiwan.

HONORING RABBI JOHN ROSEVE

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 2014*

Mr. WAXMAN. Speaker, I would like to recognize my dear friend Rabbi John Rosove as he celebrates his 25th anniversary with Temple Israel of Hollywood (TIOH).

I have had the incredible privilege of knowing Rabbi Rosove throughout his tenure at TIOH and truly look to him as a leader in the Los Angeles faith-based community. Rabbi Rosove's work has extended well beyond the walls of TIOH. He has made a tremendous impact on the City of Los Angeles as a whole with his successful efforts to promote social action and improve education. Our entire community owes him a debt of gratitude for his tireless work.

Under Rabbi Rosove's leadership, TIOH has blossomed and become well-respected for its strong programs and great efforts to improve the lives of Angelenos. TIOH's Big Sunday Weekend of Service is one example of the exemplary programs Rabbi Rosove has spearheaded. It has grown to become one of the largest volunteer service days in California.

Additionally, Rabbi Rosove is responsible for the TIOH Green Team, a group of community members and schools committed to promoting a number of initiatives, including the

use of reusable containers and bags, consumption of organically or locally grown food, and reduction of energy utilization.

Rabbi Rosove's vision has also given TIOH's work international recognition. He was the 2002 recipient of the World Union for Progressive Judaism International Humanitarian Award and has received special commendation from the State of Israel Bonds. In addition, he formed twin synagogue relationships with TIOH and Kehillat Mevasseret Zion, Israel, and with Congregation Darchei Noam in Ramat Hasharon, Israel, as well as with the Progressive Synagogues in Kiev and Kharkov, Ukraine.

I would like to congratulate Rabbi Rosove on 25 remarkable years with TIOH. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating his inspiring career and in wishing him all the best for the future.

HONORING PASTOR WALSTONE FRANCIS OF SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH ON HIS 22ND ANNIVERSARY

**HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 2014*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Pastor Walstone Francis of Shiloh Baptist Church in Waukegan, on his 22nd Pastoral Anniversary. Pastor Francis has been a dedicated community servant, a passionate religious leader, and an important and prominent figure in the suburban Chicago district that I represent.

Since 1992, Pastor Francis has offered his vision, his guidance and his spiritual insight to Waukegan and established himself as an invaluable leader in and out of the religious community.

A moving preacher, dedicated scholar, gifted writer and clear communicator, Pastor Francis is an exemplary ambassador for the Shiloh community. His tremendous impact in the community is also a testament to the great immigrant tradition of this country, having obtained citizenship two years after being called to pastor Shiloh.

In his distinguished 22 years, he has crowned seven deacons, licensed ten ministers and ordained six preachers—ensuring that his passion for, and commitment to scripture and positive vision continue through the work and preaching of others.

Leaders like Pastor Walstone Francis ensure our communities remain vibrant, strong and focused, in common purpose, on giving back and helping our neighbors.

Congratulations again to Pastor Francis on 22 years with Shiloh Baptist Church. I look forward to many more years and many more celebrations in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JANE CHU OF THE KAUFFMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 2014*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Jane Chu, President and Chief

Executive Officer of the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, located in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, which I am proud to represent. The promotion of creativity through artistic endeavor that leads to innovation and exposure to the arts has been Jane Chu's personal and professional persona. In Kansas City, this self-proclaimed workaholic has earned the reputation for stimulating change through a multitude of artistic disciplines, philanthropy and professional management skills. She helped to reinvigorate our historic Union Station as the Vice President of External Relations. Additionally, she served as Vice President of Community Investment for the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation and as Trustee for William Jewell College.

Her professional imprint and legacy on Kansas City can best be found through her work since 2006 as President and CEO of the prestigious Kauffman Center. The \$413 million center was designed by renowned architect Moshe Safdie. The magnificent structure houses two state of the art theaters, the Muriel McBrien Kauffman Theatre and Helzberg Hall. Since its grand opening in September 2011, more than 1 million people have attended events at the Kauffman Center. The center has elevated Kansas City's stature due in large part to Dr. Chu's ability to work internationally, nationally and locally to bring programming and funding to our community.

With programming for every genre of music, opera, theater and dance, the Kauffman Center is truly a place for artistic discovery. Audiences soon become absorbed in performances that can impact the spirit, elevate the imagination, entertain and stimulate thought. She has engaged the community and stressed the educational rewards that stem from exposure to art. And it is all happening in the heartland, in Kansas City.

Dr. Chu was born in Shawnee, Oklahoma, but was raised in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, the daughter of Chinese immigrants. Learning both English and Mandarin at home, she used music as an outlet and means to cultural assimilation. No doubt reflective of growing up in academia, her father, Dr. Finley Chu, Chairman of Ouachita Baptist University Economics and Business Departments, encouraged her to always keep learning. Her mother, Rosemary "Mom" Chu, demonstrated amazing strength through her own perilous journey as a teenager to escape communist China. Serving as an inspiration, Rosemary has the honor of having the Mom Chu House in Gosser Hall at Ouachita bear her name.

In 1979, Dr. Chu received a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance and a Bachelor in Music Education from Ouachita Baptist University. She would augment her education with Masters Degrees in Music and Piano Pedagogy from Southern Methodist University, a MBA from Rockhurst University and a Ph.D. in Philanthropic Studies from Indiana University. In addition, she can proudly boast of an Honorary Doctorate in Music from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music and Dance.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in expressing our appreciation to Dr. Jane Chu for her continued contributions to our country's artistic culture. As she continues her work to bring communities together through music and art, she inspires the next generation of artists. Dr. Chu has enriched the lives of many in Kansas City and around our